



**PEEL
ALLIANCE**

**2025
STATE AND
FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMITMENT
REQUESTS**



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- 2 Restoring the Peel-Harvey Waterways
- 3 STEM Beyond Schools
- 4 Community Sector Sustainability

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Prosperous. Sustainable. Resilient.





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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the members of Peel Alliance, I am pleased to present an overview of projects and initiatives that, with State and Federal Government support, will bring significant benefit to the Peel Region.

Our region continues to experience unprecedented population growth which has magnified the challenges that already exist in our region — access to services, resilience of the economy, narrow industry base, and the protection of our fragile waterways and environment in a drying climate.

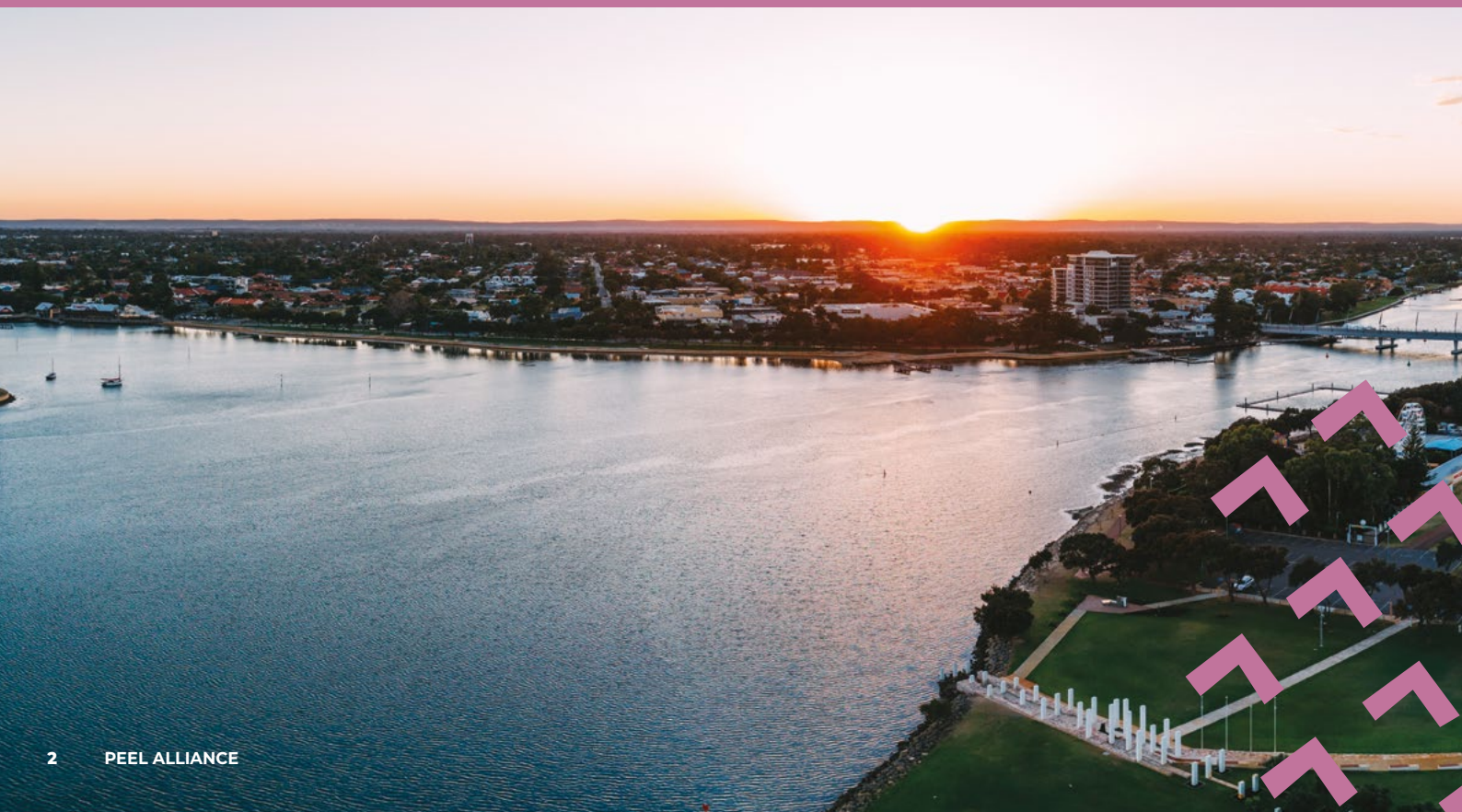
Our members are the leadership representatives from the five Peel Councils of Mandurah, Murray, Serpentine Jarrahdale, Waroona and Boddington, together with the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, Peel Community Development Group and Regional Development Australia — Peel.

We have worked collaboratively to develop this program of initiatives to address the specific challenges in Peel through a strong focus on:

- Water security for our community, industry and environment;
- Supporting our community;
- Improving the health of our fragile waterways;
- Understanding the infrastructure and services our rapidly growing population requires; and
- Diversifying our economy

We look forward to working with all candidates in the coming elections to ensure investment is made in the areas most critical to making a difference in our region.

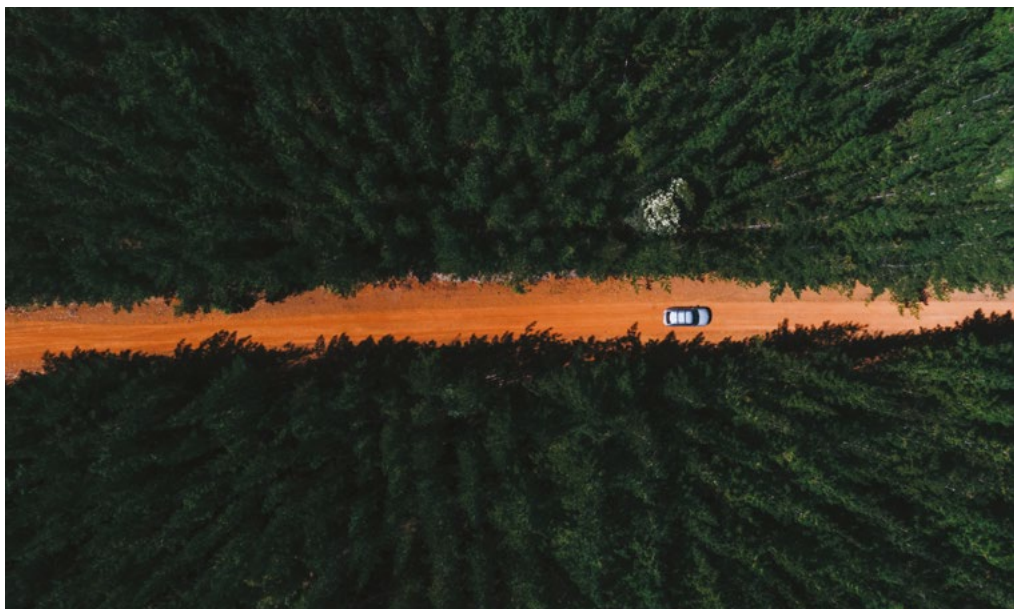
Mike Walmsley
Chair, Peel Alliance



ABOUT PEEL ALLIANCE

In 2010, elected and appointed leaders of key organisations and Local Governments from across the Peel came together in recognition that Mandurah and the wider Peel Region had been experiencing unprecedented growth, but this was not being matched by economic outcomes, nor was it being matched by State and Federal Government infrastructure and service provision funding.

From 2010 until 2018, this collaborative effort was known as Peel Regional Leaders Forum (PRLF). In 2018, a review of operations saw PRLF recognise its shortcomings and develop a bold new model based on the three important pillars of our region's future: economic development, community and social services, and the environment. To reflect its bold new approach to delivering solutions for the Region, PRLF also reviewed its name and branding, and is now proudly known as Peel Alliance.



Peel Alliance comprises the five Peel Region councils of Mandurah, Murray, Serpentine Jarrahdale, Waroona and Boddington, together with Regional Development Australia (RDA) Peel, the PHCC and the Peel Community Development Group (PCDG). The Peel Development Commission (PDC) fully supports Peel Alliance and its strategic priorities plan.

The Alliance is based on identifying the issues that are a threat to the Peel's regional status and identity, recognising that the organisation must show leadership on these issues and bring the community together to work collaboratively for the Peel's future.

Under the pillar-based model, organisations from each of the areas are brought together to discuss their plans, initiatives and projects, and develop them further. The opportunity to collaborate with like-minded organisations and have their proposals considered and prioritised is critical to developing the region into the future.

The main roles of Peel Alliance are to:

- **Advocate for priority initiatives and projects;**
- **Advocate for the resolution of regional issues;**
- **Support other initiatives and projects that benefit the region.**

The Peel Region faces numerous challenges, including rapid population growth, an ageing population, limited education outcomes, high unemployment, lack of industry diversity, and environmental decline. Peel Alliance advocated projects seek to respond to the region's challenges, and ensure its sustainability for current and future generations.

ABOUT PEEL

The Peel region lies 75km south of Perth and is bordered by the Darling Scarp in the East and the Indian Ocean in the West. The majority of the internationally significant Peel-Harvey Catchment is contained within its boundaries. These physical features and their unique ecosystems are protected passionately by communities and provide the foundation for the enviable lifestyle enjoyed by residents and visitors.

For over 50,000 years Noongar Clan Groups of the Bindjareb and Wilman language groups have dwelt here, tended the land and been sustained by its natural resources. Their spiritual, cultural and intellectual connections to the land are strong.

The region comprises five local government areas — Boddington, Mandurah, Murray, Serpentine Jarrahdale and Waroona. Communities within the region have been connected from soon after European settlement, with forestry responsible for establishing and linking these communities through road, rail and social networks. This connection has continued through to the present day with social, arts, cultural and sporting ties existing between the Peel's towns.

Although a small area of the Peel region is subject to peri-urbanisation due to long term high population growth, it has a low population density and a very low urban footprint of developed land. Large areas of land are subject to mining lease and operations, agricultural production and vacant Crown Land.

The population of Peel region is characterised by being older, less qualified and lower paid than that in Perth. The local economy has a much higher than average proportion of small non-employing businesses that have a turnover averaging almost 50% less than those in the metropolitan area.

The Peel's industries are dominated by mining, agriculture, and construction, with a growing health and community services sector catering to a growing and ageing population and a well established and rapidly expanding equine industry.

The Peel region currently has a very narrow and unsophisticated industry base. The region's economic future will be based on the development of industry around innovative agriculture (Transform Peel) and tourism, particularly business, nature based and adventure tourism, and creating unique indigenous based tourism experiences. The region recognises the importance of developing an educated and highly skilled workforce with the capacity and capability to flexibly respond to meet requirements for future jobs.

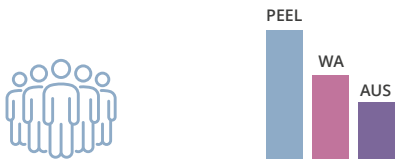
The Region is growing rapidly with a growth rate of 15.9% for the five-year period from 2018–23. During the same period Western Australia's population grew 10.6% and Australia's population grew 7%.

Mandurah is the Peel Region's largest local government area by population, and with a current population of 99,272, is also Western Australia's 11th largest local government area. Serpentine Jarrahdale continues to be Western Australia's fastest growing local government area in percentage terms, with population growth of 18.8% over the last five years and the third fastest growing Local Government area in Australia.





Peel at a Glance



ESTIMATED POPULATION 2023

162,077

5 year growth **15.9%**

Western Australia **10.6%**

Australia **7%**



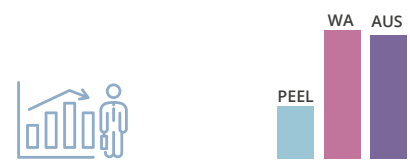
PROJECTED POPULATION 2031

212,540

Peel growth **36.6%**

Western Australia **16.8%**

Source: WA Tomorrow



WORKING AGE POPULATION (15-64 YEARS)

59.1%

Western Australia **64.9%**

Australia **64.6%**

Source: ABS 2022



POPULATION AGED 60+

27.66%

Western Australia **21.87%**

Source: 2021 Census



JOBS 2021

44,361

+17.85% from 2016

Western Australia **+20.7%**



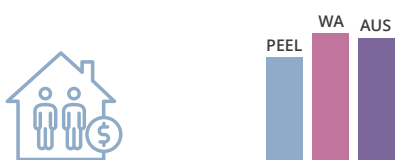
UNEMPLOYMENT (DEC 2023)

3.48%

Western Australia **3.8%**

Australia **3.8%**

Source: Dec 2023 Small Area Labour Markets



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD WEEKLY INCOME

\$1475

Western Australia **\$1,815**

Australia **\$1,746**

Source: ABS 2021



21/22 GROSS REGIONAL PRODUCT

\$10.06b

+ \$622 million from 20/21



KEY ECONOMIC OUTPUTS

Mining Value of Major Commodities **\$6.12b**

Manufacturing **\$8.59b**

Construction **\$2.44b**

Agriculture **\$473.4m**

Healthcare **\$1.12b**

Education **\$775.25m**



Our Local Government Areas at a Glance

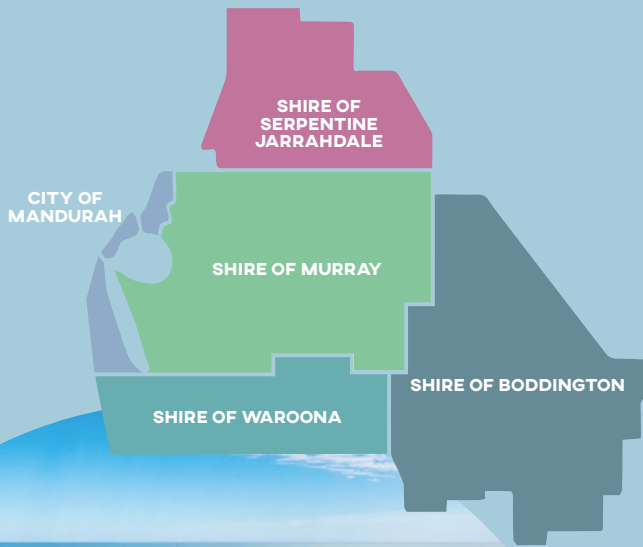


Photo Visit Mandurah

Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale



ESTIMATED POPULATION 2023

36,739

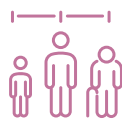
5 year growth +18.8%



PROJECTED POPULATION 2031

62,920

+26,181



MEDIAN AGE

33.8

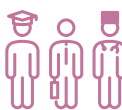
WA = 38.3



UNEMPLOYMENT

3.2 %

WA = 3.8%



TOP 3 EMPLOYERS

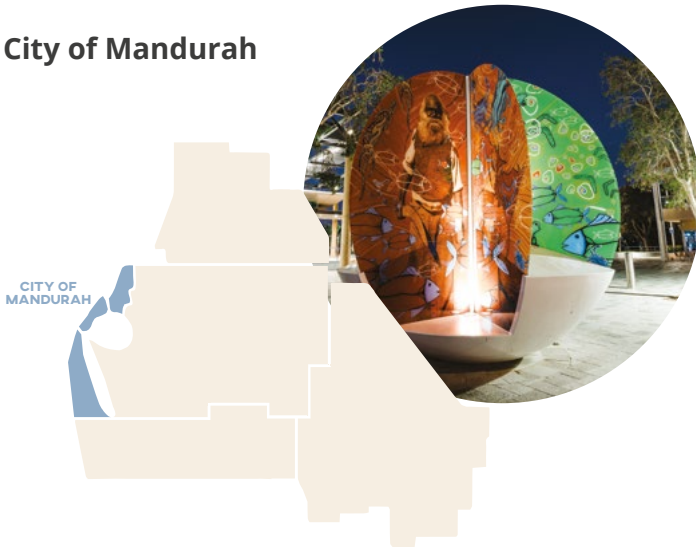
Construction **16.7%**

Education & Training **15.3%**

Accommodation & Food **9%**



City of Mandurah



Shire of Murray



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ESTIMATED POPULATION 2023

99,272

5 year growth +16.4%



ESTIMATED POPULATION 2023

19,823

5 year growth +12.3%



PROJECTED POPULATION 2031

121,300

+22,028



PROJECTED POPULATION 2031

24,087

+4,264



MEDIAN AGE

45.7

WA = 38.3



MEDIAN AGE

45.1

WA = 38.3



UNEMPLOYMENT

3.5%

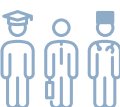
WA = 3.8%



UNEMPLOYMENT

3.1%

WA = 3.8%



TOP 3 EMPLOYERS

Health & Social **21.2%**

Retail Trade **17.2%**

Education/Training **12.3%**



TOP 3 EMPLOYERS

Manufacturing **27.9%**

Mining **10.6%**

Construction **8.7%**

ABOUT PEEL (cont.)

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Shire of Waroona



Shire of Boddington



ESTIMATED POPULATION 2023

4,457

5 year growth +6.9%



PROJECTED POPULATION 2031

4,700

+243



MEDIAN AGE

48.3

WA = 38.3



UNEMPLOYMENT

7.3 %

WA = 3.8%



TOP 3 EMPLOYERS

Manufacturing **34.3%**

Construction **17.4%**

Mining **13.6%**



ESTIMATED POPULATION 2023

1,786

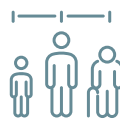
5 year growth — -2.6%



PROJECTED POPULATION 2031

2,010

+224



MEDIAN AGE

42.2

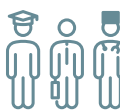
WA = 38.3



UNEMPLOYMENT

3.1%

WA = 3.8%



TOP 3 EMPLOYERS

Mining **61.7%**

Manufacturing **11.8%**

Construction **7.1%**



Our Environment

With an area of 5,516 square kilometres, the Peel region is the smallest geographically in Western Australia, but boasts some of the most diverse landscapes including the Ramsar-listed Peel-Yalgorup Wetland System, Jarrah forests, estuaries, unique ecosystems, beaches and abundant waterways. The Peel-Harvey Catchment encompasses all of the Peel Region and extends to parts of the Perth Metropolitan Region and Wheatbelt Region.

26,530ha

Ramsar-listed
Peel-Yalgorup
Wetland System

>144

threatened flora
species

164,500ha

wetlands

>157

threatened fauna
species

413,644ha

native vegetation
(including Jarrah
Forest)

Rural land use:

185,800ha

Mining tenements:

347,282ha

>83km

of coastal and
near-shore
environments



>2681km

of mapped
watercourses

Note: Figures include Wetlands/Coastal, Coastal, Forest/Scarp — doesn't include Hotham-Williams



PEEL ALLIANCE INITIATIVES

1. Peel Regional Water Supply Initiative

Theme: Regional

Peel Alliance seeks to ensure the planned and sustainable provision of water to the Peel region considering the impact of climate change, a rapidly growing population, and opportunities for agriculture and industry, whilst protecting our environment and precious waterways.

The south west of WA (including Peel) has had a 15 per cent decline in average annual rainfall since the mid-1970s due to climate change. Our groundwater levels have also significantly reduced with a 1.8 metre drop in aquifer storage since 1998¹.

297,500 additional residents are forecast to reside in the region by 2050, requiring not only drinking water and sewerage, but also appropriate irrigated sporting facilities, schools (ovals) and public open spaces.

Mining and agriculture is dependent on the provision of large quantities of water, particularly groundwater which is now at full or over-allocation in many areas.

Declining rainfall and groundwater levels has resulted in decreased flows from the catchment to the Peel-Harvey Estuary, and despite intervention in the form of the 'Dawesville Cut' in 1994 to address its deteriorating health, is declining again. The reductions are also affecting groundwater-related ecosystems such as wetlands and lakes within the Peel-Yalgorup Ramsar System.

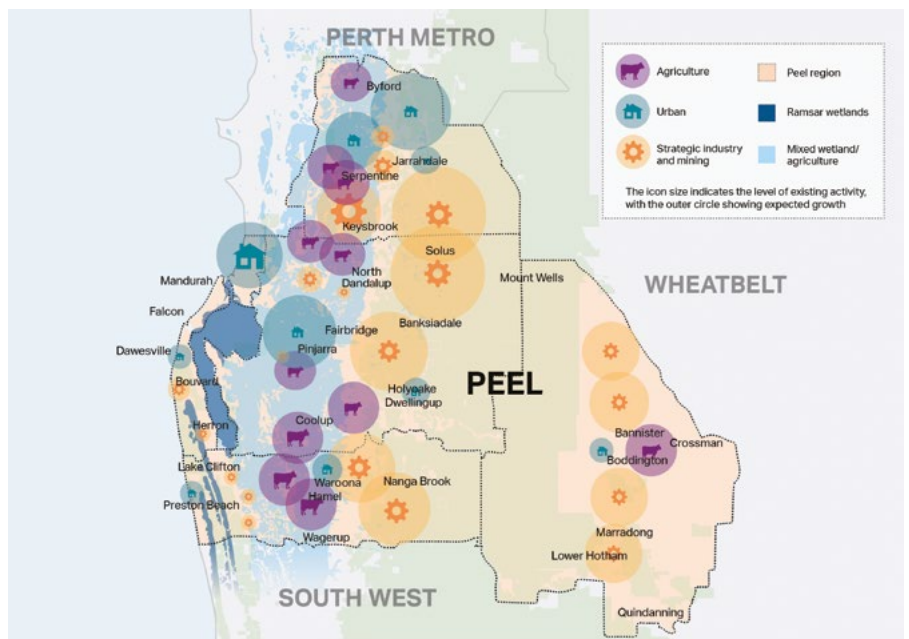
- Our traditional water sources are declining
- Our population and industry is growing
- The health of our unique ecosystems and waterways is deteriorating

How will water be sustainably managed for these needs now and into the future?

Peel Alliance has collaborated with key agencies and decision makers to articulate the water demand and supply challenges facing the Peel region and develop a collective understanding of the problem.

Our stakeholders include:

- Peel Development Commission
- PHCC
- City of Mandurah
- Shire of Murray



1 Department of Water and Environmental Regulation 2019 *Water Wise Perth Two Year Action Plan*



- Shire of Waroona
- Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale
- Shire of Boddington
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Department of Planning, Land and Heritage
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- Water Corporation
- Harvey Water

Using a horizon of 2050, and analysing information provided by stakeholders, the *Peel Regional Water Supply Initiative* provides spatial and temporal reporting on the timing and magnitude of needs for:

1. Urban growth including household needs (potable water and sewerage) and community space/infrastructure
2. Agricultural sustainability and opportunities
3. General and strategic industry needs including mining
4. Environmental water balance
5. Water source options available and order of magnitude costs for planning, construction and operation.

See the report here: <https://peelalliance.org.au/watersupplyinitiative/>

What have we learned?

Using agreed scenarios (high growth, business as usual, waterwise) and assumptions developed by stakeholders, the study provides an indication of the water needs of the community, industry, agriculture and the environment from 2021 to 2051, along with water supply projections (having consideration of climate change). It is a broad analysis, providing a regional picture but also highlighting the dependencies on different water sources at a local government area spatial level.

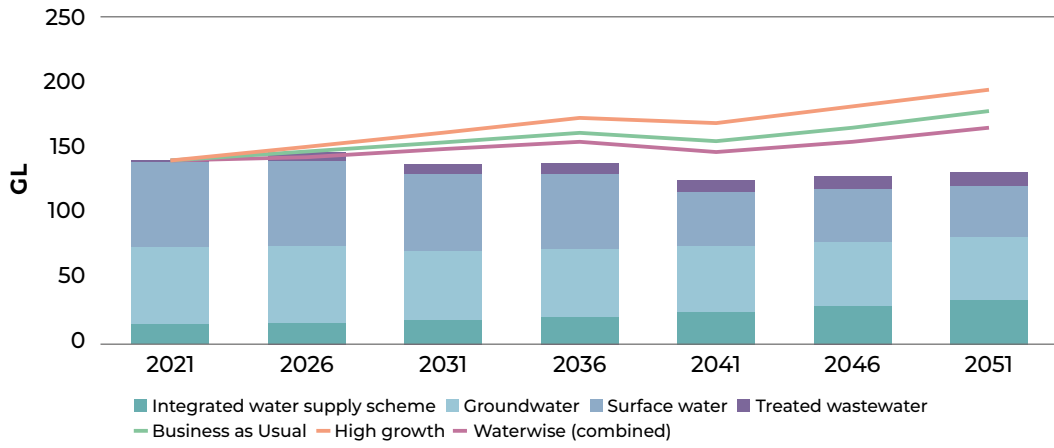
The study indicates that, even under a ‘waterwise’ or highly conservative demand projection, the region’s needs will exceed the currently available sources of water within the next few years.

The timing and source deficit varies between local government areas, based on growth projections and current availability of non-climate dependent water sources (see Figures on pages 14–15).

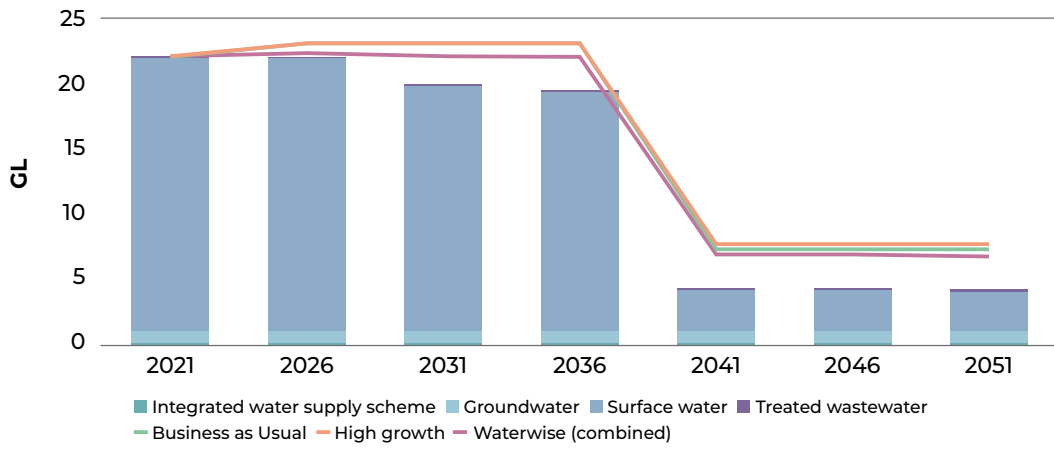
It is also critical to note that the water resources required to sustain the significant water-dependent environmental assets of the Peel Region will change in the future, largely in response to climate change (rainfall and evapotranspiration). This study has shown that the potential overall reduction in stream flows to the Peel Harvey Estuary by 2050 (~260GL) is significantly larger than the current level of surface water and groundwater abstraction combined (~120GL). This means that in a future climate, current freshwater flows into the Peel-Harvey system could not be maintained, even if all abstraction were to cease. This is likely to have significant implications for the health of the estuary and wetlands.

PEEL ALLIANCE INITIATIVES (cont.)

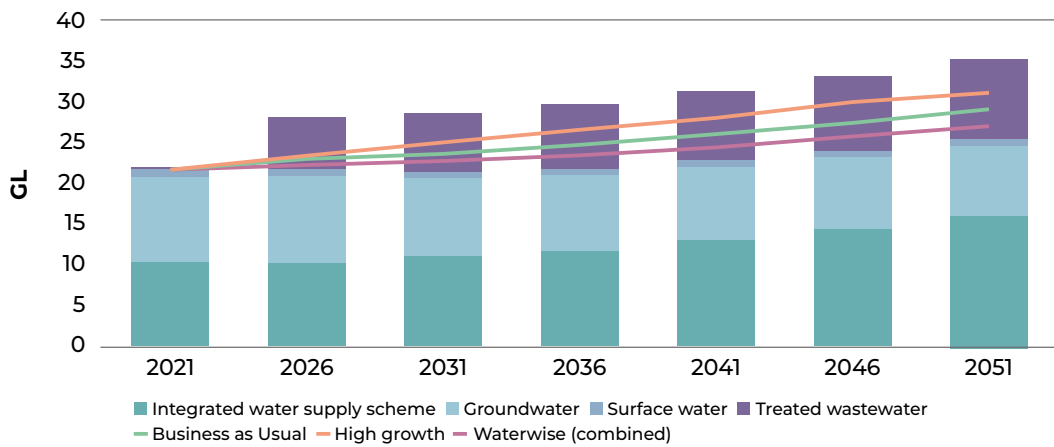
Peel region — sources and demands



Shire of Boddington — sources and demands

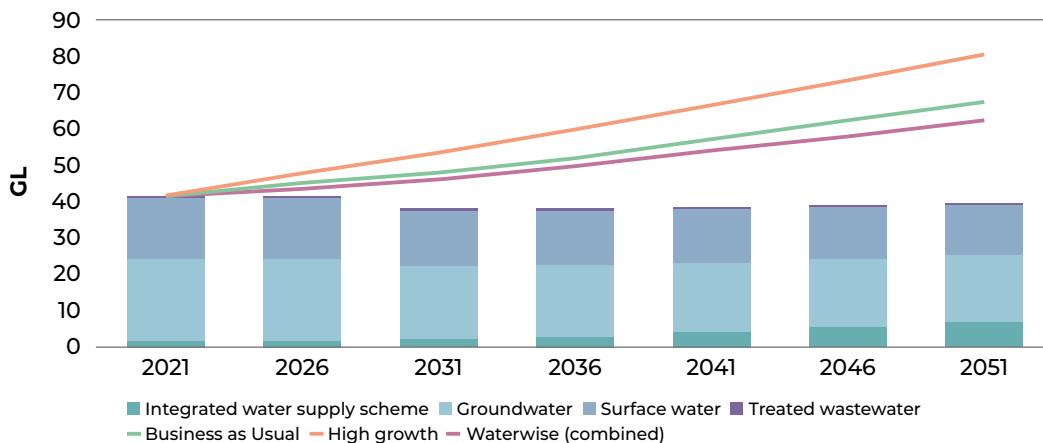


City of Mandurah — sources and demands

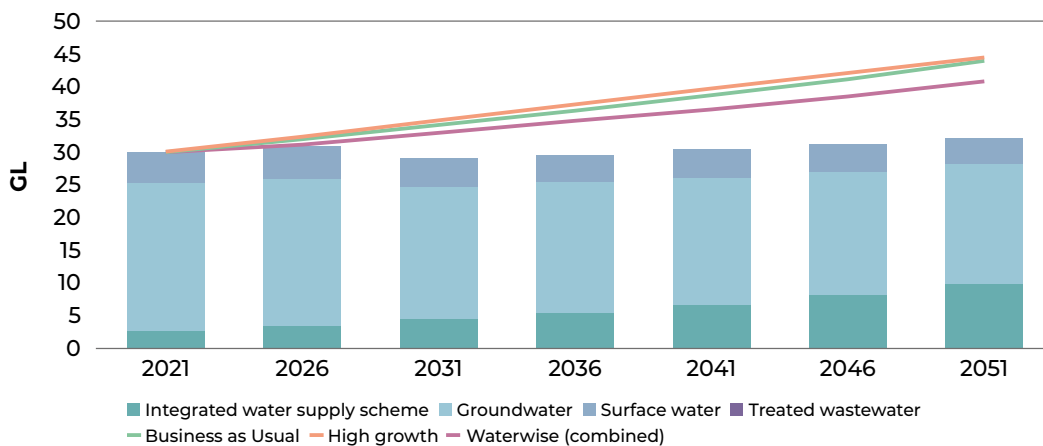




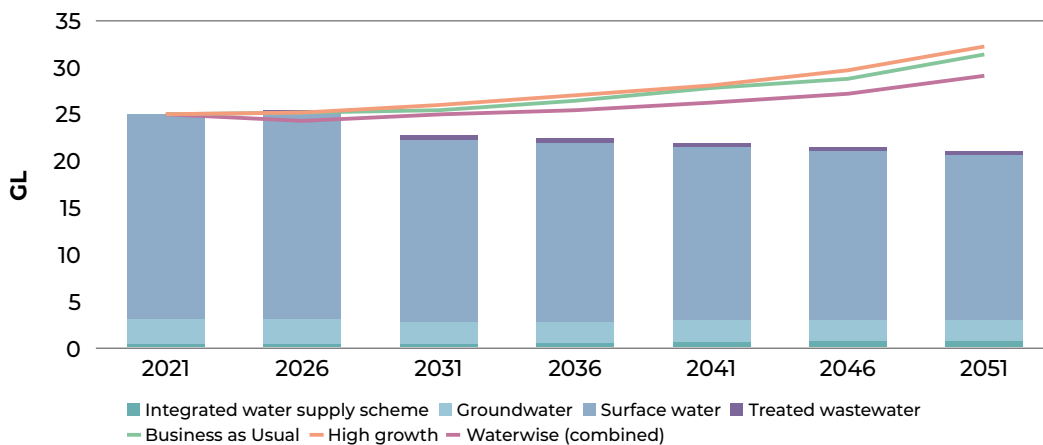
Shire of Murray — sources and demands



Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale — sources and demands



Shire of Waroona — sources and demands



PEEL ALLIANCE INITIATIVES (cont.)



Economic Value of the Shortfall

Initiatives such as increases in local efficiencies, groundwater trades and transfers, and increased use of the IWSS ('scheme water') are measures that can help to address the forecast deficiency in the short term. A strategic solution is needed to provide greater certainty to plan for the future and maximise economic and community benefits.

If the projected shortfall is addressed, **the accumulative value of production in the region is estimated to increase between \$33.97 billion (high growth) and \$17.89 billion (water wise)** in present day dollars over the period 2024 to 2051.

Of this gain in production, \$1.2 billion to \$688 million can be attributed to intensive agriculture whilst between \$32.77 billion and \$17.2 billion is industrial activities. **This would also result in between 81,836 and 44,609 jobs across agriculture and industry.** This value would be lost if the water demand shortfall is not met.

In the event of a shortfall, water may be in limited supply and impact the community's parks and gardens. If this were to occur, the landscape will become drier and less green. **The community benefit of maintaining green (irrigated) parks in the region is estimated at between \$78.46 million and \$130.9 million** in present day dollars over the period of 2024 to 2051.

The environmental values of the Peel region are significant, with the Peel Inlet and Harvey Estuary and associated wetlands having values of international importance. The natural environment is also a critical component of the regional economy, with recent work suggesting the **total value of economic activity, social and health impact of the Peel Harvey waterways to be around \$20.8 billion with an annual economic benefit of \$605.7 million** (Urbis, 2023).

The environment is already under stress, and the level will only increase with the increasing impacts of climate change. It is likely to become critical in response to any increased use of surface water or groundwater resources.

\$ Funding request

State

1. Financial support is needed urgently to optimise existing water supplies at a local level for community recreation facilities, parks and public open space. This will create resilience against impending deficits, enhance existing supplies and maximise efficiencies. **\$4 million** is requested to enable a suite of initiatives across the 5 local government areas.
2. Detailed local, technical investigations to identify opportunities for climate-independent sources and implementation of solutions.
3. Prioritise continued multi-agency collaboration and resourcing to develop collective and integrated solutions that can adapt to changing environmental conditions and development priorities.
4. Develop a formal adaptive management framework to monitor environmental conditions, water supply sources and assess future demands which enables necessary responsive actions.
5. Prioritise development of business cases that identify strategic solutions for long term security of water supply to the Peel region, and co-funding, for National Water Grid Fund investment.

Federal

Support and funding for state-led business cases that identify strategic solutions for long-term security of water supply to the Peel region (National Water Grid Fund).

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MEMBER LED INITIATIVES

PHCC

2. Healing Bilya — Restoring the Peel-Harvey Waterways

Theme: Regional

The Peel-Harvey waterways are showing signs of another ecological collapse, as experienced in the 1980s. The Dawesville Cut, completed in 1994, reset the ecosystem at the time but is struggling to balance the declining rainfall and persistent nutrient inputs from agriculture and urban development.

The waterways of the Peel Region contributes \$605 million economic value, over 2,000 jobs and attracts more than 3 million visitors a year. The health of the estuary and its waterways is essential to support all aspects of the region's economy, ecological and conservation values, lifestyle and wellbeing of its community.

Large scale restoration is urgently needed to restore our waterways. Damage to the local environment will damage the local economy, local jobs, and put further pressure on the cost of living — the effects of which will be felt by families in the Peel region and beyond.

The Swan Coastal Plain rivers and estuary are in a very poor state. Regular fish kills and the closing of rivers to swimming and eating fish or crustaceans are all too common. On average, at least one fish kill event has occurred every year in the Peel-Harvey since 1999. In 2017 alone there were seven significant fish kill events, with widespread loss (in excess of 40,000 deaths) in the Serpentine, Murray, and Peel Inlet.²

Land clearing, drainage, agriculture, urban development and industry in the Peel-Harvey catchment has impacted the quality and quantity of water that enters the rivers flowing into the Peel-Harvey Estuary, with the science showing that we are heading to another ecological collapse, as was experienced in the 1980s. It doesn't have to be this way.

The **Bindjareb Djilba (Peel-Harvey Estuary) Protection Plan** and the Peel-Harvey Water Quality Improvement Plan (in prep) clearly identify these problems and their causes and provides a collaborative, evidence based framework for actions to restore the health of the Waterways.

We recognise the leading role that the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has in the management of waterways and we applaud the comprehensive framework that the Western Australian Government's Bindjareb Djilba Estuary Protection Plan provides, under the broader direction of the Healthy Estuaries WA program.

We also recognise the unique importance, and vulnerability, of the Peel-Harvey Estuary among all of the estuaries in the State. It's significant environmental, economic and social values are evidenced through the existence of a dedicated State Environmental Protection Policy and a standalone Estuary Protection Plan.

The ecological condition of the waterways of Bindjareb Djilba is also recognised as a priority for regional stakeholders including the community, local businesses and Bindjareb Noongar people, and provides significant economic value to the region, with a net present value of over \$20 billion.



2 Healthy Estuaries WA 2023, *Bindjareb Djilba Peel-Harvey Estuary, Condition of the estuary 2016-19*.

MEMBER LED INITIATIVES (cont.)

Over the last 20 years river flows to the estuary have reduced by 50%, significantly less than is needed to flush and provide oxygen to rivers. Landscape erosion and scouring cause damage to the river banks resulting in sediment accumulation downstream.

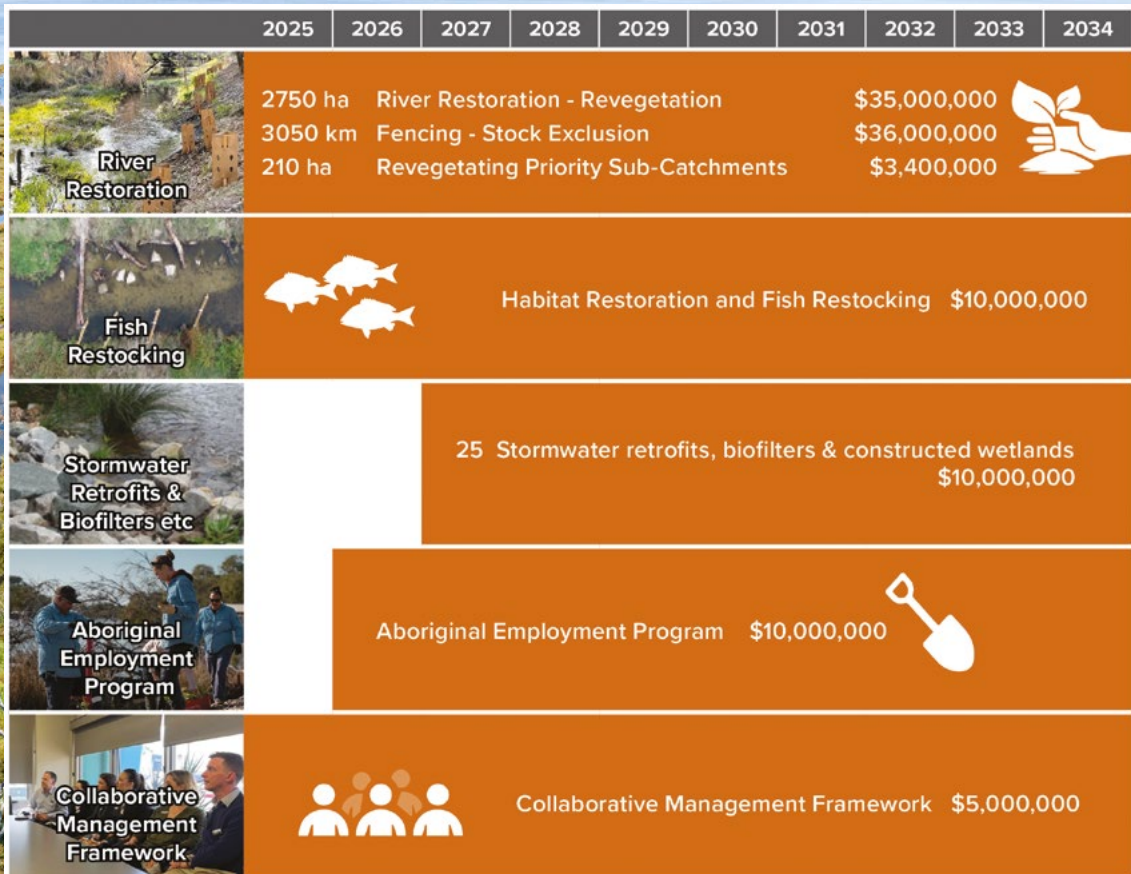
Nutrients and other pollutants from agriculture, industry and urban development affect the water quality, and are remaining in the estuary longer, leading to algal blooms and fish kills. The populations of iconic and keystone species including dolphins, crabs, pelicans and healthy seagrass meadows are at risk.

The **Bindjareb Djlba (Peel-Harvey Estuary) Protection Plan** identifies that to reach concentration targets of nitrogen and phosphorus for appropriate water quality, those inputs to the estuary need to be roughly halved.

Actions identified in the Protection Plan to achieve this have been informed by over 30 years of accumulated scientific understanding of the estuary ecosystem, with a combination of practical on-ground action, planning and management activities that need to be urgently funded and implemented.

These include:

- Improved agricultural practices such as managing fertiliser applications and animal waste in the catchment.
- Using evidence based soil amendment techniques to enhance agricultural productivity and reduce nutrient pollution.
- Restoring the environmental flows of the rivers to rehydrate the landscape and improve the flow of water in streams and rivers that feed into the Peel-Harvey Estuary.
- Revegetating target areas in the catchment and rivers to stabilise erosion of sediments, restore habitat variety and reintroduce refugia for vulnerable aquatic species.
- Reduce the damage that stock can cause to the rivers through fencing, as well as to control weeds and feral animals, to return the system to a functional ecosystem.



PHCC has the capacity to deliver the 10 year, \$110 million program, to complement DWER's current programs. The key actions being:

1. 2750 ha River Restoration (weed control, planting, pest and feral animal control)
2. 3050 km Fencing for stock exclusion
3. 210 ha of Revegetation of priority sub-catchments
4. 25 Stormwater retrofits, biofilters and constructed wetland
5. Habitat restoration and fish restocking

The restoration activities will improve the amenity and recreational value of the Peel-Harvey Estuary and waterways from which the entire community will benefit.

Community members will be directly engaged in the restoration activities, including the local Noongar Community through direct employment. Engagement in restoration activities will also provide significant capability and capacity building for Noongar enterprises, contributing towards self-determination and economic development. Restoration activities also represent opportunities for cultural participation and leadership for Noongar people, and contribute to a number of Closing the Gap targets and outcomes listed in WA's Aboriginal Engagement Strategy 2021–29.

Improving the ecological condition of the catchment will benefit the people living in the catchment, along the lower reaches of the rivers and around the estuary. Small businesses that rely on tourism will benefit from sustained visitor numbers, and there will be multiplier flow on effects for other businesses in the region.

Residents around the rivers, lakes in the lower catchment, and the estuary will have improved amenity with actions that improve water quality reducing the frequency of algal blooms and fish kills. Recreational water users will enjoy the same benefits, and recreational fishing will be more enjoyable and productive.

Investment in ecological rehabilitation of the Peel-Harvey Estuary will also contribute to the Australian government's obligations under the United Nations Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which includes a pledge to have 30% of degraded land, water, coastal and marine ecosystems "under effective restoration" by 2030.

Funding request

State and Federal funding support of **\$110 million** over 10 years



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RDA Peel

3. Peel Bright Minds — STEM Beyond Schools

Theme: Regional

If Australia is to thrive in the future of work, the responsibility for training cannot rest solely with the education sector. Ultimately, everyone in Australia needs to embrace the required skill shift as a collective effort. A community-wide approach to transferring knowledge will be fundamental for developing skills that will ensure success in the era of artificial intelligence.

Education is everyone's business

At a regional level bringing the importance of STEM skills to the forefront through the delivery of initiatives that engage young people in STEM, through the coordination and influence of key stakeholders to embrace STEM, and by promoting STEM career pathways to the broader community.

Australia faces challenges in maintaining its labour productivity rate by improving the skills of workers, supporting participation in work, investing in infrastructure and taking full advantage of digital technologies to boost productivity (The Treasury, Intergenerational Report 2021).

Embracing innovation, technology and science is critical to powering our economy to provide jobs and high living standards for all Australians (DISER, The National Innovation and Science Agenda, 2015).

Peel's skill shortage is a major barrier to the region realising its aspirations to be a prosperous region. Currently Peel's largest industries by output include Manufacturing, Mining, Construction and Health Care and Social Assistance, all industries needing a pipeline of STEM qualified professionals to increase output and productivity.

Since its launch in February 2018, Peel Bright Minds has provided the means for people of all ages from all backgrounds to be engaged with and learn about the importance of STEM skills as the basis for the future of work.



Highly regarded and recognised in the Peel region, Peel Bright Minds has matured to the stage where it needs to expand its current, and deliver new offerings that will directly contribute to:

- Improved educational outcomes
- Increased retention of young people in the region
- Increased participation of young people in STEM careers
- Increased participation of young people in tertiary study
- Increased participation of local people in local industries



STEM Beyond Schools Strategy:

OBJECTIVE ONE:

DELIVER

STEM RELATED INITIATIVES THAT DIRECTLY ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF THE PEEL WORKFORCE

Activities include:

- Connect young people to STEM learning opportunities through the delivery of the Junior Trail Blazers and Trail Blazers Programs.
- Increasing access and diversity of STEM opportunities through community events and workshops.
- Development of Industry Specific Trail Blazers Programs relevant to local future career opportunities (e.g. Future Foods, Cybersecurity, Environment, Health & Community Services, Mining Industry, Defence Industries)

OBJECTIVE TWO:

INFLUENCE

REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS TO ENHANCE STEM OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PEEL

Activities include:

- Developing partnerships and strengthening existing networks to enable new home-grown STEM opportunities in the Peel.
- Developing and attracting flexible extra-curricula STEM education opportunities into the Peel.
- Including the STEM agenda within regional strategic planning.

OBJECTIVE THREE:

PROMOTE

STEM PATHWAYS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO FOSTER A MORE ASPIRANT CULTURE IN THE PEEL

Activities include:

- Communicating the value of STEM to the community broadly through podcasts and other digital media.
- Promoting opportunities for engagement in citizen science & STEM learning experiences.

Peel Bright Minds is a project auspiced by Regional Development Australia Peel (RDA), managed through their existing Committee and Governance structure. RDA will be responsible for all financial management and reporting requirements for funding allocated to the The STEM Beyond Schools Program.

Further information

www.rdapeel.org.au/our-priorities-activities

\$ Funding request

Federal funding support of **\$1 million** over 4 years (\$250,000 per annum)

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PEEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

4. Community Sector Sustainability

Theme: Strong and Resilient Communities

Funding allocations and suitable contracts to enable the sector to address current and emerging gaps in community and community health service delivery across the region.

Life Skills Curriculum in WA Schools

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) is responsible for Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum, assessment, standards and reporting for all Western Australian schools. There is a lack of Life Skills being taught in our schools and children and young people do not have the tools to navigate life events such as buying a car, types of insurance and why you need it, maintaining your vehicle, renting or sharing accommodation, maintaining, Afterpay, and other credit card debt to name a few. SCSA, or a private provider, can create an endorsed program for senior secondary students that consists of a series of lessons, classes and/or activities. Endorsed programs can be delivered as part of the school curriculum or as extra-curricular activities and are listed on the student's Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement.

\$ Funding request of \$240,000

Extension of men's behaviour change programs, voluntary and mandated, in the region

Funding over 5 years to deliver behaviour change programs to men required to attend same by the justice system. Currently they must travel to Rockingham or Perth to access these services.

\$ Funding request of \$2,858,000



Additional Child and Parent Centres in regional growth centres

There are 22 Child and Parent Centres in WA, in convenient locations at or near local primary schools. Supporting parents with children up to eight years old, Anglicare's Dudley Park Child & Parent Centre is the only one located in the Peel region. There is a need for additional Child and Parent Centres in the Shires of Murray and Serpentine-Jarrahdale, to give families easy access to advice, programs and services, and give schools the opportunity to work with families from the time children are born through to starting school and beyond. The centres will assist children to be ready to start school, and to become happy, confident learners.

\$ Funding request of \$3,550,000 over 5 years plus capital costs

Transitional Housing for Families

People in Peel who have never asked for help in their lives are now experiencing homelessness for the first time. With mortgage stress, rents at an all-time high, lack of rental properties, and a cost-of-living crisis, increased numbers of families are living out of their cars, and coming to WestAus Crisis for assistance. There is very limited accommodation if any at all. Every day we have to turn desperate people away. We urgently need quick build accommodation solutions to be funded such as granny flats or tiny homes, while we wait for more social housing to be built.

Although we have a commitment to Common Ground in Mandurah, this will not address the needs of families with children who are forced to either camp illegally or sleep in a vehicle. Most of the long-term affordable and social housing being built is in Mandurah. Long-term and short-term solutions are needed throughout Peel, with the Shire of Murray experiencing more rough sleepers.



\$ Funding request of \$4.95m to build a combination of 12 tiny homes and granny flats to install on private or government land.



Respite care for young people 12-15

The Ruby's Reunification Program has been operating in South Australia since 1993, with the clear purpose of supporting families to have positive relationships and remain living together. To achieve this, young people 12-17 are able to access a targeted, early support program to reduce the risk of homelessness in the longer term. The model offers a safe place for the young person to stay, spending some nights at Ruby's and some at home where appropriate; family counselling; 24-hour therapeutic support; and access to tailored services for families. On July 1st 2024, Parkerville Children and Youth Care launched a 2.5-year pilot program of Ruby's in Armadale.

There is an opportunity for a second location to be implemented in Peel where there is no respite care available for this age group at all.

There are 4 Ruby's houses in South Australia, offering a total of 20 beds. The results show that more than 70% of young people leave Ruby's to return to the family home.

Funding is sought to establish a Ruby's house in Peel, potentially at Choyces in Lakes Road Greenfields.

\$ Funding request of \$3,300,000 over three years

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SHIRE OF SERPENTINE JARRAHDALE

5. Hypergrowth Road Upgrades

Theme: Transport Corridors

Tremendous pressure will be exerted on local roads due to works on the 14km Tonkin Highway extension, from Thomas Road to South Western Highway, and the subsequent increase in traffic.

The Tonkin Highway extension project includes an upgrade of Thomas Road from Tonkin Highway to South Western Highway. It will take about three years to complete, with a joint Federal and Western Australian Government funding commitment of more than \$1bn.

These factors, along with the anticipated Shire population growth rate of 96% from 2021 to 2036, mean that the Shire's roads connecting to the Tonkin Highway are in dire need of an upgrade to improve road safety.

Upgrade of the priority roads will:

- Improve the safety of our local road network in anticipation of hypergrowth
- Reduce road crashes and fatalities
- Support tourism and investment within the Shire

What's the community need?

State and Federal Government funding is necessary to ensure that the Shire's Tonkin Highway extension connectivity roads are fit for purpose, and road safety in the region is treated as priority.

What's happening now?

We have selected nine road projects in the order of priority which align closely with the Tonkin Highway extension. No State or Federal Government grant funding is currently available to support the delivery of these urgent road upgrades. A detailed view of the nine priority roads and associated road crash data can be found here: www.sjshire.wa.gov.au/Profiles/sj/Assets/ClientData/Federal_and_State_Gov_Election_priorities_and_requests_V5.pdf

Hyper-Growth Road upgrade requests and road crash data 2018–2022

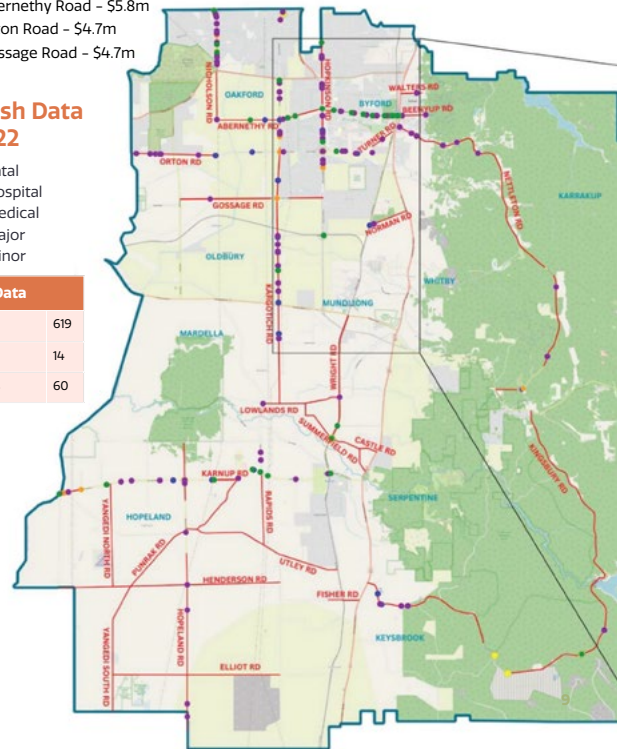
— Hyper-growth Roads

| PRIORITY | ROAD NAME AND IMPROVEMENT COST |
|----------|---|
| 1 | Kargotich Road – Abernethy Road intersection – \$4.7m |
| 2 | Kargotich Road – Orton Road intersection – \$5.8m |
| 3 | Kargotich Road – Gossage Road intersection – \$3.5m |
| 4 | Kargotich Road – North of Mundijong Road – \$7.0m |
| 5 | Hopkinson Road – \$2.6m |
| 6 | Nicholson Road – \$1.9m |
| 7 | Abernethy Road – \$5.8m |
| 8 | Orton Road – \$4.7m |
| 9 | Gossage Road – \$4.7m |

Road Crash Data 2018–2022

- Crash – Fatal
- Crash – Hospital
- Crash – Medical
- Crash – Major
- Crash – Minor

| Road Crash Data | |
|------------------|-----|
| Total Crashes | 619 |
| Fatalities | 14 |
| Hospitalisations | 60 |



\$ Funding request

The Shire is seeking **\$41.1 million** in Federal and State Government funding to urgently action upgrades and improvements to the Shire's road network.

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6. Six New Netball Courts and Pavilion

**Theme: Strong and Resilient
Communities**

The Keirnan Park Recreation and Sporting Precinct Masterplan has been endorsed for a 65ha site in Mundijong.

Delivery of additional multisport facilities at Keirnan Park will:

- Provide safe and modern sporting facilities for girls and women
- Meet growing demand for netball and multi-use courts
- Improve participation in sport and recreation

Key components

- Six netball courts (2 multi-use for netball/basketball)
- Fencing, lighting and retaining
- Pavilion
- Car parking

What's the community need?

The precinct is designed to meet our existing and rapidly growing future sporting and recreational needs. The precinct will provide high quality multisport facilities in a single location, capitalising on the efficiencies of shared infrastructure, and catering to modern sporting code requirements.

What's happening now?

The State Government funded the delivery of Stage 1A, which includes AFL and cricket ovals and a shared pavilion. The Shire is undertaking a needs assessment and concept design for the netball facilities. The scope includes stakeholder engagement, needs analysis, cost estimates and a concept plan for delivery of the project in two stages:

- **Stage 1:** six netball courts, services, access road, pavilion, change rooms, toilet facilities and part of the carparking.
- **Stage 2:** nine netball courts and extension to the carparking. All courts will be covered, have lighting and line-marked for multipurpose use.



💰 Funding request

It is anticipated that the concept plan and costings will be available soon.

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7.

Two New Additional Basketball Courts

Theme: Strong and Resilient Communities

Forming part of the Briggs Park Masterplan, the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Recreation Centre is the Shire's hub for indoor sport and recreation.

Delivery of two additional basketball courts at the Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Recreation Centre alongside associated gender neutral change facilities and amenities for associated sporting clubs will:

- Address fast-growing sporting and recreation needs
- Provide high-quality sporting facilities
- Improve participation in sport and recreation

Key components

- Two additional basketball courts, with associated gender accessible change facilities
- Additional car parking

What's the community need?

Basketball is one of the most popular indoor sports played in the Shire, with two local basketball clubs supporting more than 800 junior and senior players.

The Shire's population is forecast to grow by over 31,000 by 2036 — an increase of 96% — with significant growth of basketball participation and increased demand for indoor

basketball courts. The centre's two basketball courts are at full booking capacity with the Shire often turning people away from active recreation.

Federal and State funding for additional basketball courts at the recreation centre would allow for greater participation in sport, community connection and the ability for youth and other demographics to make greater use of community facilities.

What's happening now?

The Shire is undertaking the concept for the centre expansion and the Briggs Park overall masterplan. Stakeholder engagement for all clubs and user groups commenced in March 2024.

Environmental and site and feature survey work is being undertaken to inform the outcome of the expansion concept. Various court expansion scenarios have been provided to Council for feedback.

We are now looking at options for the addition of two new court facilities, ensuring current courts are brought up to current standards. We are also looking at options for expansion of the gym area and additional gender inclusive facilities within the scope of the works.

\$ Funding request

The concept designs and costing estimates will be available by **September 2024**.

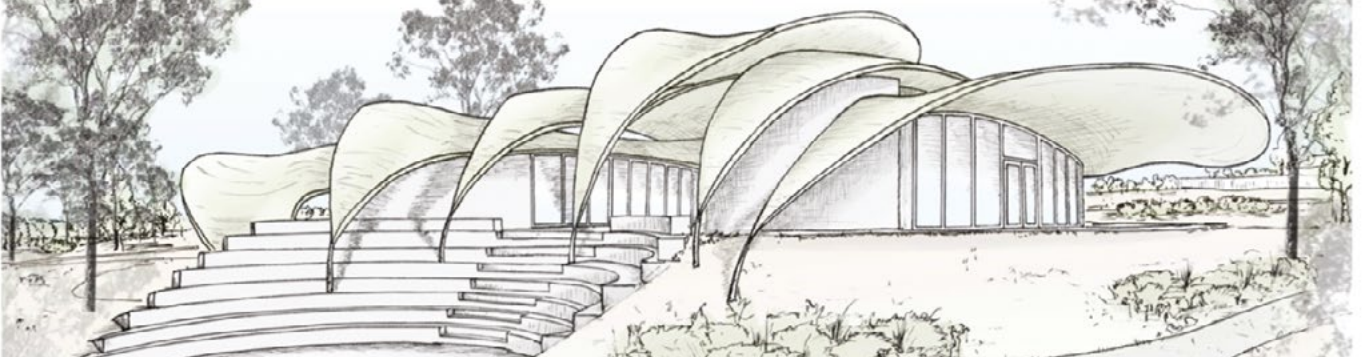
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8. New Jarrahdale Trails Centre

Theme: Tourism

Jarrahdale is one of Western Australia’s most historic settlements. It is now a huge tourism attraction with cafés, a tavern, trails and spectacular forests.

This project seeks to position Jarrahdale as a tourism destination on a global scale, with significant economic benefits for the region.

Developing the Jarrahdale Trails Centre as a key tourism asset for the region will:

- Provide high quality tourism facilities, visitor attractions and experiences
- Position Jarrahdale as a competitive globally recognised tourism destination
- Establish a place where the natural environment and cultural heritage support a sustainable visitor economy
- Support the economic development of Serpentine-Jarrahdale through catalyst investment in the subject area

Key components

- Construction of the Jarrahdale Trails Centre
- Associated road upgrades

What’s the community need?

Jarrahdale is a growing tourism destination. An increase in the visitor economy is an important channel for economic development across the region.

The construction of a trails centre will generate significant economic and social benefits, including a stronger sense of community through the preservation of heritage and improved vibrancy and activation of Jarrahdale town centre.

What’s happening now?

An architect has been appointed to the project, visiting the Shire in February 2024 to survey the site and reaffirm project objectives.

A stakeholder workshop involving the Peel Development Commission and Tourism WA was conducted, to enhance insights into trail-related tourism.

A pre-design brief and concept design will pinpoint the optimal site for the trails centre and explore an operational model for the facility.

Funding request

\$10 million to deliver Stage 1 of the Jarrahdale Trails Centre

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CITY OF MANDURAH

9. Mandurah Regional Netball Centre

Theme: Strong and Resilient Communities

Netball participation in the Peel region is ever increasing and the current facilities can no longer keep up. We now have the opportunity to deliver a regional netball facility that can cater for the passionate Mandurah and Peel netball community for the next 50 years.

Netball participation in the Peel region is ever increasing and at present the small 10 court facility in the Mandurah area is struggling to cater to current and future growth.

With projected population growth from 90,000 residents to over 120,000 by 2030, the need to provide appropriate facilities for one of the most prominent sports for women and girls is critical for Mandurah and the Peel region.

A recent needs analysis and feasibility study indicate that the existing netball facilities are insufficient, highlighting the need for up to 24 outdoor courts by 2036. There is no available Crown land to accommodate this.

This project will provide a regional netball facility that can cater for the Mandurah and Peel netball community for the next 50 years.

We will deliver a multi-court facility, with 19 courts, with supporting infrastructure such as clubrooms, changerooms, umpire / official rooms, lighting and administration space for local based clubs and associations.

The project will also provide multi use opportunities with other local associations, including basketball and tennis.

\$ Funding request

State funding support of **\$23 million** toward the \$30 million project cost

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10. Protecting Mandurah's Beaches

Theme: Environment

Mandurah is renowned for its expansive coastline and is the reason many people choose to live in and visit the Peel region. We have the opportunity to act now to ensure future generations can continue to enjoy Mandurah's treasured coastal lifestyle through the delivery of a permanent sand bypassing system for the northern beaches and the Dawesville Channel, to protect and preserve our beaches.

Permanent sand bypassing to protect Mandurah's beaches

A key outcome of the Mandurah Northern Beaches Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) was an investigation of a permanent sand bypassing system to protect and preserve the City's northern beaches.

Due to rising sea levels and more frequent extreme weather, our northern beaches and those beaches around Dawesville, are predicted to erode away or get flooded more often. We run the risk of losing our beaches, which are of cultural importance to the Mandurah community and have an important role in drawing visitors. The risk also extends to homes, roads, and public spaces near the coast.

Right now, the way we add sand to the beaches seasonally doesn't allow us to quickly adjust the beach's width to better protect against these risks. So, one of the main suggestions from the CHRMAP is to set up a permanent sand bypassing system. This would let us keep the beaches wide enough all the time, offering better protection for our community's most valued places and ensuring our coastline remains a treasure for both locals and tourists.

We are able to better protect Mandurah's coastline for future generations by installing permanent sand bypassing using Jetpump technology, which offers a more adaptable solution to erosion and climate change. This method allows for continuous adjustment to beach width, crucial for reducing erosion and protecting against storms or tsunamis. By setting a beach width target, we can ensure our beaches are effectively safeguarded.

The technology, proven in other Australian coastal communities since the early 2000s, brings benefits such as lower costs, greater flexibility, better spill management, and a smaller carbon footprint. Delivering this project will help ensure resilient and safe beaches for the enjoyment of the local community and visitors to Mandurah for years to come.

The Net present cost of the proposed project represents a saving of \$16.25 million over 30 years. Other significant economic outcomes of permanent sand bypassing have been identified as reduced ongoing operational cost and increased operational flexibility.

Further information

www.mandurahmatters.com.au/CHRMAP

\$ Funding request

State funding support of \$15 million

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Photo Renae Kactuba and Vist Mandurah

11. Yalgorup National Park Activation

Theme: Tourism

Tourists are drawn to Mandurah, and the Yalgorup National Park is a unique opportunity we can act on now to broaden our tourism appeal to an international market. By unlocking the long-term tourism potential of one of the region's most unique ecological systems, we will create environmentally sustainable tourism and related jobs, and deliver opportunities for people to get out into nature to enjoy Mandurah's reputation as a natural beauty and an eco-tourism City.



Mandurah has long-been Western Australia's number 1 day-trip capital destination, with up to 3 million people visiting annually.

Tourists are drawn to Mandurah, and the next step in expanding the tourism offering for Mandurah, the Peel region and the State, is to enhance the tourism experience to the international level. The Yalgorup National Park is of international importance and presents a unique opportunity for the region to provide drawcard eco-tourism development.

The Yalgorup National Park in an internationally recognised RAMSAR listed wetland covering almost 13,000 hectares. It includes the Lake Clifton Thrombolites, which comprises rock-like formations built by microorganisms that resemble the earliest forms of life on earth. And with more than 20,000 waterbirds migrating here annually and significant aboriginal cultural assets, it is one of the region's most unique ecological systems. The plan is to unlock the tourism potential of Yalgorup National Park by activating commercial eco-tourism and recreation opportunities, including a suite of products, such as trails, camp sites, an enhanced Thrombolites experience, eco-tourism accommodation and Aboriginal tourism experiences.

Visitors will have a broad and expanded range of adventure activities to keep them in the region for longer and therefore accessing accommodation and hospitality facilities ensuring growth in those sectors, with the resultant spending and requirements for more staff and therefore local jobs.

Funding request

State and Federal support of **\$23 million**

Total project value is **\$25 million**

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The economic impacts of Yalgorup National Park and Thrombolites Eco-Tourism Development.

Construction Phase (over a 2 year period)



\$ 53.65 m
Output

(\$ 25.00 m direct
+ \$ 28.65 m Indirect)



\$ 18.26 m
Value added

(\$ 6.45 m Direct
+ \$ 11.81 m Indirect)



68
Local jobs
(per year)

(23 Direct
+ 46 Indirect)

Operational Phase (per year)



\$ 20.13 m
Output

(\$ 12.90 m Direct
+ \$ 7.23 m Indirect)



\$ 10.85 m
Value added

(\$ 7.41 m Direct
+ \$ 3.44 m Indirect)



147
Local jobs

(117 Direct
+ 30 Indirect)

SHIRE OF MURRAY

12. Murray Health Futures

Theme: Strong and Resilient Communities

A health hub is proposed to address the higher than average health issues facing the Murray and surrounding communities by providing access to preventative health care and community-based services. 37 per cent of Murray residents have a long-term health issue compared to just 30 per cent in Perth.

Additionally, 83 per cent of adults are overweight (vs 66 per cent in WA), 23 per cent have high blood pressure (vs 17 per cent in WA) and 14.8 per cent have high or very high psychological distress (vs 10.4 per cent in WA).

Adding to the burden of disease is a higher prevalence of a number of lifestyle risk factors, including 40.2 per cent of adults consuming more than two standard drinks on any day, 29 per cent eating fast food weekly and 45.1 per cent undertaking insufficient physical activity.

With Murray's population growing significantly — comprising a higher proportion of older residents than Perth — a suitable long-term solution is needed to ensure future generations can access the care they need, when they need it.

The Shire established a Steering Committee to undertake a health and social needs analysis and identify a long-term solution to health care service provision in Murray. The Murray Health Futures Steering Committee includes representatives from the Shire, South Metropolitan Health Service, WA Primary Health Alliance and Peel Development Commission.

The Committee has completed a thorough Health and Social Needs Analysis, including extensive community consultation. The 62-page report was the culmination of significant research that provides independent, robust data about current and future needs for health services in Murray. The analysis shows the best solution for the community is a 'Health Hub' of allied services.

Health care delivered locally is more accessible, less stressful, cheaper for the patient, and helps build a stronger community. It ensures that future generations also have positive experiences and healthier and happier lives as a result.



Bringing wellness and preventive health programmes and initiatives to the Shire of Murray to service local residents, as well as Waroona and Boddington residents, will directly address the falling health standards in the catchment.

Funding request

Up to **\$50 million** requested from State and Federal governments.

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13.

Pinjarra to Dwellingup Heritage Rail Link and Pinjarra Heritage Rail Precinct

Theme: Tourism

World-class heritage railway experiences that significantly contributes to the State and Peel Region’s tourism sector and broader economy.

Murray’s locality, rich heritage and natural charm offer an advantage that present unique tourism prospects. The area is home to one of the oldest train stations in Western Australia, making Murray the perfect setting for nostalgic railway heritage experiences.

An extensive engagement process involving the Shire of Murray, Hotham Valley Railway, Alcoa Australia, Arc Infrastructure, Public Transport Authority, Main Roads WA, the local community, together with funding support from Tourism WA and the Peel Development Commission enabled development of a shared vision to maximise railway heritage opportunities in Murray.

The project comprises two major components — the Pinjarra Heritage Railway Precinct and Pinjarra to Dwellingup Rail Link. Together, the components will deliver the redevelopment of the historic railway station into a precinct with attractions for tourists and community amenities, and the re-establishment of journeys between Pinjarra and Dwellingup on the Hotham Valley Tourism Railway.

Pinjarra Heritage Railway Precinct

Inclusive of a heritage railway museum, visitor centre and café, event spaces, destination play space, and community facilities, the precinct will celebrate and pay respect to the past whilst enabling contemporary activities, legacies and stories to be created.

New life will be breathed in to heritage railway barracks, 13 heritage carriages and three carriages from the old Australind (already secured by the Shire of Murray) when they are lovingly converted into short-stay accommodation.

Pinjarra to Dwellingup Rail Link

Reconnecting the former Pinjarra to Dwellingup Heritage Rail Link will allow Pinjarra to become a must-see national destination, and will connect Australia's 2023 Top Tiny Tourism Town (Dwellingup) with WA's capital city, Perth.

The vision is to enable product offerings that rival the likes of the Puffing Billy in Victoria.

On-board steam and diesel locomotives, visitors will meander ancient forests as they take in the stunning views of the Darling Scarp and world's only naturally occurring Jarrah forest. Added to the experience will be premium food and beverage offerings ranging from fine-dining to premium picnic hampers. Guided tours will provide further opportunities for explorers to immerse themselves in the area's natural beauty and rich history.

The project is forecast to increase tourism expenditure by \$71.1 million annually, with 176,000 visits and 73,000 accommodation nights, plus 160 direct and indirect jobs created post construction.

Funding request

Federal funding

Rail Link from Pinjarra to Dwellingup including grade separated crossing **\$31.85 million**

State funding

Pinjarra Heritage Railway Precinct **\$28.27 million**

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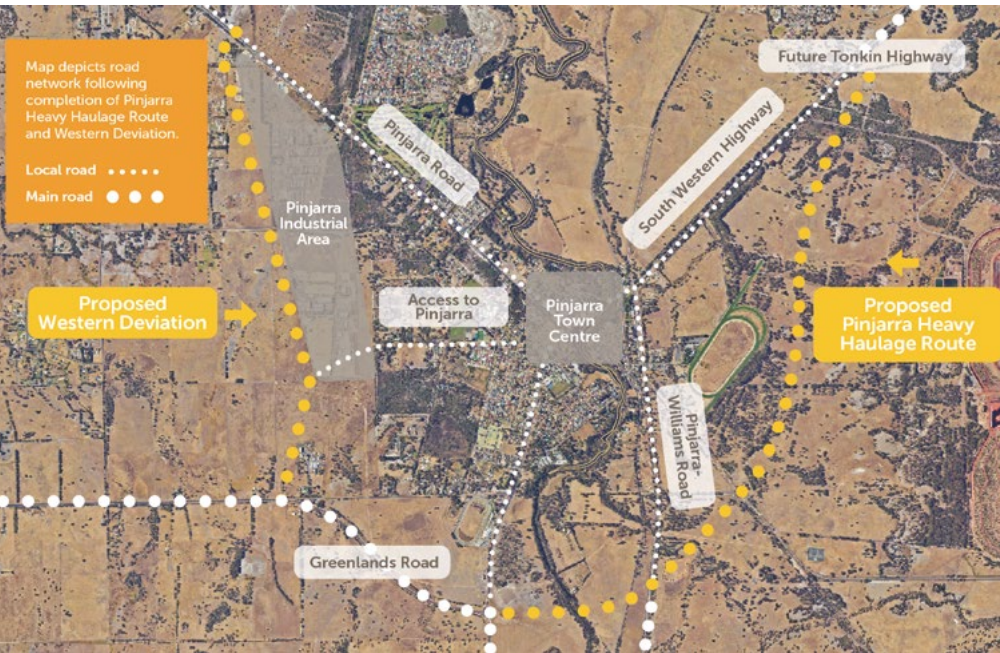
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This puts a major strain on Pinjarra town centre, impacts safety and causes a vast amount of ongoing maintenance. Add to this the fact that Pinjarra’s population is expected to grow from 5,000 to 16,000 by 2036, and the need for a comprehensive solution is all the more apparent.

The Western Deviation will provide a high-quality transport road link between Pinjarra Road (north of town) and Greenlands Road (south of town). This link will formalise a complete ring road and enable heavy vehicles to deviate the town centre and provide alternative access to the towns growing industrial area, enabling the town centre’s main streetscape to become more pedestrian friendly, vibrant and attractive.

14. Pinjarra Western Deviation

Theme: Transport Corridors

The Western Deviation is the missing piece of the Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation puzzle. It will link heavy trucks from Pinjarra Road and the Pinjarra Industrial Area onto the Heavy Haulage route. This will then allow important development within the town centre of George Street and Pinjarra Road, which is important for Pinjarra’s future economic prosperity.

This will improve the efficiency of the local arterial road network and provide a range of direct benefits, including deconstraining opportunities in the town’s industrial area and the growth of the Pinjarra town centre.

Without the construction of the Western Deviation, the downgrade of Pinjarra Road and other State roads within the Pinjarra town centre can’t be progressed as the links through the town centre need to be maintained.

The combined effect of the project will support the continued generation of local employment opportunities within Murray, increasing the region’s contribution to Gross State Product and playing a critical role in attracting new residents to the area. At capacity the industrial area will attract a minimum of 2717 direct full-time equivalent jobs.

Pinjarra is a Peel Secondary Centre that is planned for significant growth and industry diversification to serve the wide range of required resident and industry functions. Current traffic movements are creating local congestion and safety, as a consequence there is a need to enable effective road transport for the future development of the Town Centre and Pinjarra Industrial Area, this is in the form of the Western Deviation.

In 2009, the South Western Highway through Pinjarra carried nearly 10,000 vehicles per day (VPD). In February 2022, traffic recorded at the intersection of South Western Highway and Pinjarra Road (traffic light signals) averaged 15,852 vehicles per day during weekdays. On average, 795 heavy vehicles travel through the Pinjarra townsite each day.

💰 Funding request

Federal and State funding up to \$30.04 million.

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15.

Murray Regional Equestrian Centre Covered Arena and Clubrooms

Theme: Strong and resilient communities

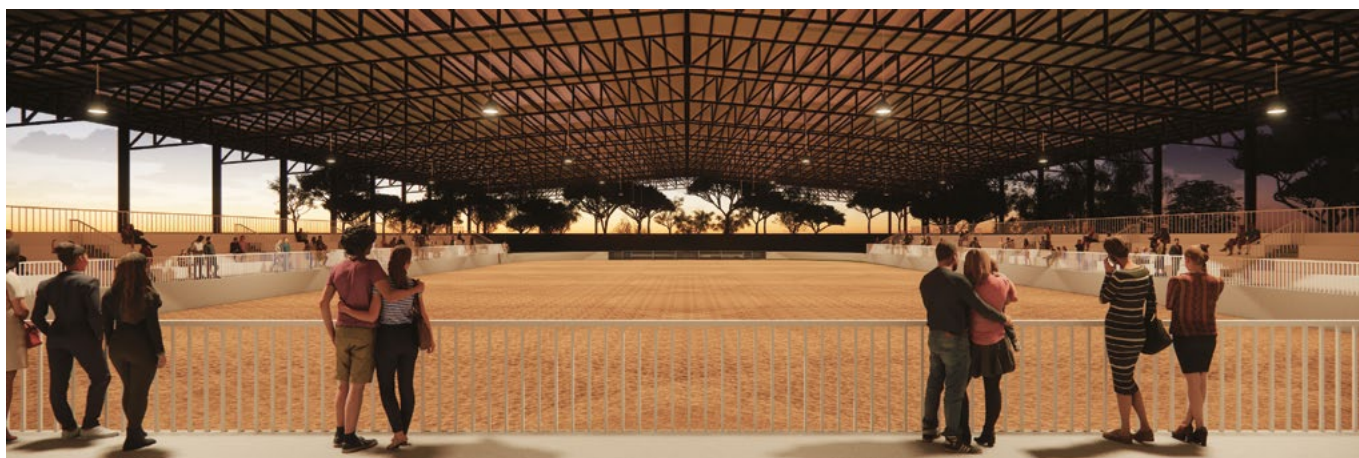
Secure the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre's reputation as one of the top equestrian centres in Western Australia through the construction of new clubrooms and a covered arena. In turn, providing a high-quality venue that supports the equestrian needs of the Peel Region and beyond, drawing visitors from throughout the State and providing a central point for equestrian recreation in WA.

The equine industry is very important to the Peel Region with substantial economic impact, accounting for around 1550 full time jobs. With a local love of horses, rapid population growth, continued availability of land and existing equine facilities, Murray has become a key location driving growth in this increasingly popular sector.

Since 2012, the Murray Regional Equestrian Centre (MREC) Masterplan has been implemented in stages, with new polocrosse fields, cross country course, large sand arena, installation of approximately 100 horse stalls, a wash down area, improved drainage, and user group storage completed.

Currently, eight equestrian disciplines operate at MREC. The grounds can also be hired for equestrian events of all sizes and disciplines. To reflect current user needs and future aspirations, the Shire of Murray is now planning Stage 3 which includes the construction of a covered multipurpose equestrian arena and new clubrooms.





In addition, there will be new connecting roads and pathways, an upgrade of the electrical supply from single phase to three phase, and the addition of more water tanks on the site and a storm water harvesting system from the covered arena will support reduction on reliance on volunteers to manually water the arena’s prior to use, providing a more sustainable approach.

Covered multipurpose arena

The MREC will incorporate the region’s only multi-purpose covered arena, making it one of the most versatile equestrian facilities in Western Australia. Features include:

- Covered 80m x 40m all-weather arena
- Lighting system for evening use
- Built in irrigation system for the arena surface
- Ground surface suitable for use by multiple equestrian disciplines
- Permanent seating along the east and west sides of the arena

Clubhouse

A contemporary sport-centric clubhouse will support the operations and development of Murray Equestrian Association and resident equestrian clubs, and the wider equestrian community:

- Club room with large function/meeting area with viewing to covered arena
- Kitchen with food and beverage server
- Club storage
- Event management facilities
- Public toilets including universal access
- Covered veranda for spectator viewing and amenity

Further information

www.murrayregionalequestriancentre.com.au

💰 Funding request

Total project value is **\$10.85 million** with **\$1.65 million** savings if both stages are delivered together.

| | Full project | Stage one only (undercover arena) | Stage two (clubrooms) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Shire of Murray | \$1.27m | \$800,000 | \$200,000 |
| Federal election request | \$5m | \$4m | \$3m |
| State election commitment | \$4.58m | \$3m | \$1.5m |
| Total | \$10.85m | \$7.8m | \$4.7m |

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SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

16. Hotham Valley Rail Trail — Stage 1

Theme: Tourism

The Hotham Valley Rail Trail will establish Boddington as the Eastern gateway to the Peel Region and provide links to trails of national significance. The ability for pedestrians and mountain bikers to cross the Hotham River is the current barrier and future enabler of this project.

There is currently no ability to cross the Hotham River at Tullis, approximately 8km from the Boddington townsite. A crossing is the key infrastructure component of the Hotham Valley Rail Trail, which links Boddington to Dwellingup. Funding is required to construct a bridge suitable for pedestrians and bikes to cross the Hotham River.

The establishment of this link will enable access for cyclists and walkers to the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail from Boddington, and also link into the trails on offer in Dwellingup, a National Trails Town. This trail is identified in the *Peel Regional Trails Strategy 2019* as being of regional significance.

As recommended in the Strategy, the Boddington-Dwellingup Hotham Rail Trail will connect the eastern most point of the Peel region and create a dual use trail link and visitor flow between Boddington and Dwellingup via the rail reserve, as well as providing Boddington with a connection to the Bibbulmun Track. Construction of a suspension bridge is proposed over the Hotham River, with a span of approximately 50 metres.

Ultimately the Hotham Valley Rail Trail will be 30km of rail trail between Boddington and Dwellingup along the existing unallocated crown land which comprises the original rail track. The initial work proposes to deliver a crossing of the Hotham River approximately 8km from Boddington, and allow completion of the first Stage of this project.

Local, intrastate, interstate and international tourists will benefit from this project as it will significantly expand the trail offerings in the Region. The flow on effects will be the economic benefit to local businesses, and increase in health and wellbeing benefits for the community.

For further information, check out the Peel Regional Trails Strategy at: <https://peelalliance.org.au/trails-strategy/>

\$ Funding request

Federal and state funding of **\$3 million**

Total project value is **\$4.5 million**

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17. Residential Aged Care Accommodation

Theme: Strong and Resilient Communities

Construction of critical facilities for the Shire's aging population, ensuring the ability for residents to age in their community. The construction of residential aged care accommodation (minimum 47 beds) will provide older people with opportunities to live healthy, positive and productive lives, connected to and participating in their local community for as long as possible.

Providing high quality aged care accommodation for residents from the Shire of Boddington and surrounding areas has been identified as a critical issue by the community.

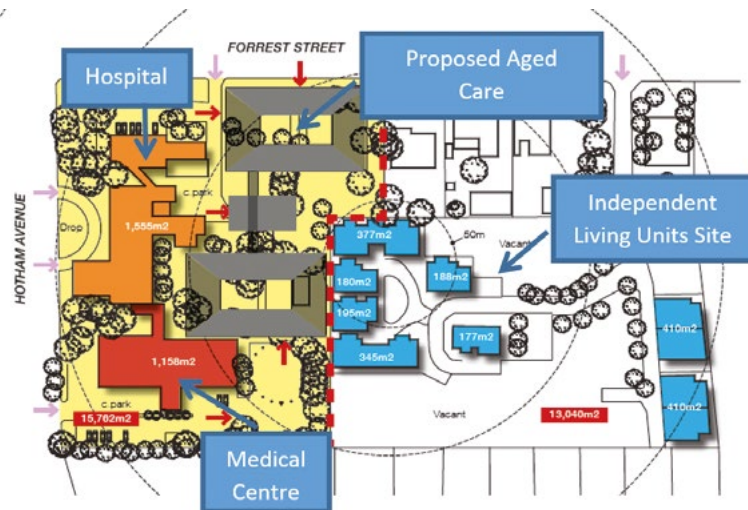
- Boddington's aged 70+ population is experiencing significant growth.
- Boddington's aged 80+ population is experiencing even higher growth.

The closest residential aged care accommodation is 1 hour driving distance, with the availability of beds within a 1 hour drive being extremely limited. Residents that require urgent care are being offered places in accommodation as far as 4 hours away. This results in displacement, reduced quality of life for the residents and families, and creates a negative economic impact for the town.

Demand has been quantified for the Shire of Boddington, and the towns within close proximity, as requiring a minimum of 47 beds by 2031. The need is immediate and urgent. The impact of the current situation where people must move away from their community, family, friends and partners is profound.

Having older people remain in the community will result in the following social benefits:

- Ongoing contributions of older people to the social and civic life of Boddington
- Enhanced community wellbeing with all generations part of the life of the community



- Retention and maintenance of familial relationships
- Retention of the knowledge and wisdom of the elderly

Boddington's relative disadvantage coupled with relatively high rents is also impacting on the area's capacity to support aged care housing needs for older persons living independently.

The overall economic outputs for the Boddington community would be enhanced by residential aged care, as the facility and integrated aged care service:

- Will employ 70 or more people
- Retains community members and, by extension, their families
- Attracts incoming residents (they may be more than one or two decades away from needing complex care)
- Sources local goods and services

Support is needed for the capital funding component of the project.

💰 Funding request

Federal and state funding of **\$14.9 million**

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18.

Pinjarra — Williams Road Upgrade

Theme: Transport Corridors

The Shire of Boddington is seeking an outcome that improves the safety of travel along Pinjarra Williams Road (and Bannister Marradong Road for a short section) between the towns of Boddington and Dwellingup. The distance by road between the two towns is 50.4km. There is one passing lane at approximately the 47km mark — of approximately 500m. The remainder of the road is single lane each way.

This drive encompasses travel along Bannister-Marradong and Pinjarra Williams Roads, which are State controlled roads managed by Main Roads WA. The route has been the site of a number vehicle crashes and incidents, and causes continued concern from users with a high number of near misses. Significant amounts of trucks at slow speed make this route a dangerous drive, often with 50km between overtaking opportunities. This leads to risk taking and significant safety concerns for road users. Installation of passing lanes represents a proven safety initiative.

A traffic study completed in 2021/22 noted that up to 31.9% of vehicles travelling along this route were trucks. The traffic volume in some stretches of this road had increased by over 50% from the previous year.

The recent reduction in broken white lines, as well as a lower speed limit being implemented has increased levels of frustration that have been evident over many years, leading to drivers taking increased risks. Trucks utilising the road travel long stretches at <20km / hour, and the road is not conducive to overtaking safely.

A community survey revealed that residents believe that the top three key contributors to a lack of safety on this road are: a lack of suitable passing opportunities, driver behaviour, and quantity of slow moving vehicles. These elements are intrinsically linked, and related to the solution of installation of passing lanes.

Installation of passing lanes periodically between the town sites of Boddington and Dwellingup will encourage drivers to wait for a safe opportunity to pass.

Main Roads WA have advised that a number of improvements are noted as future planning priorities, however, have not received funding. The Shire is urgently seeking support for design/development/approvals and delivery funding for a westbound passing lane (SLK 55), approximately 15kms from the Boddington townsite.

Installation of this passing opportunity, and future additional passing opportunities will provide users with a safe transport option along this major corridor route for business, employees of two mines, tourists, commuters and the Boddington community.



\$ Funding request

Federal and state funding of **\$7.5 million**

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SHIRE OF WAROONA



19. Community Precinct Phase 3 — Irrigation Offices Redevelopment

**Theme: Strong and Resilient
Communities**

The Irrigation Offices Redevelopment completes the Waroona Community Precinct project, by refurbishing this space to restore and enhance this historic building within the Park, providing synergistic commercial opportunities supporting and integrating with the Park as a meeting and recreational space.

The Irrigation Offices Redevelopment is part of a plan to address activation of the Waroona Town centre, bringing people and economic stimulation to the main street.

The enhancement of Irrigation Offices will bring to life a historically significant building tied into the Park's water theme.

Its aim is to provide broader destination appeal and increased economic activity for the Town and its main street, by creating commercial space opportunities within the Precinct, sympathetic to the Park. This will be by way of a café and outdoor seating area adjacent to a playground, and an indoor restaurant / gallery experience for the historic building.

On completion of the Irrigation Offices Redevelopment the Community Precinct will bring this project to a close.

For more information

www.waroona.wa.gov.au/community/community-engagement/waroona-community-precinct.aspx

\$ Funding request

Federal and State funding of **\$1.52 million**

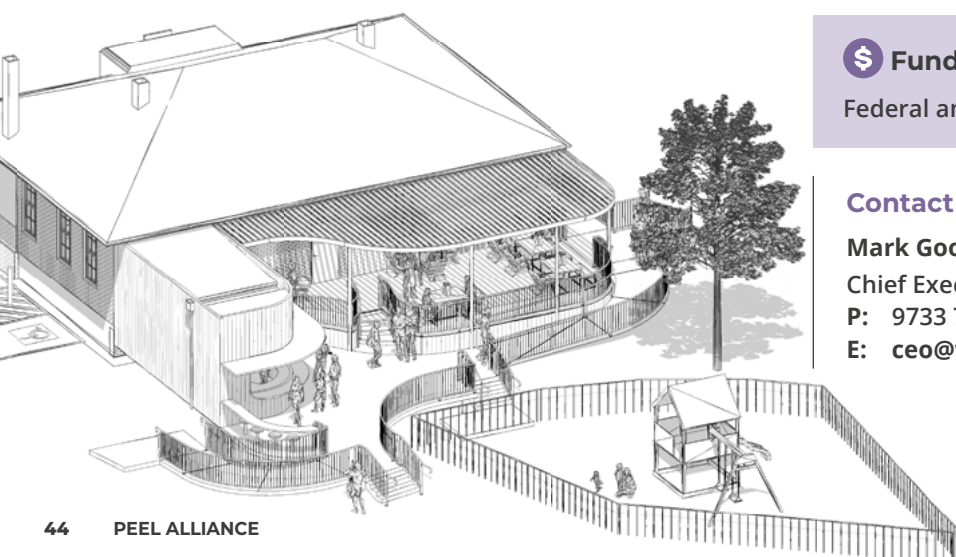
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20. Waroona Envirocentre

Theme: Strong and Resilient Communities

Located at 120 South Western Highway, the Waroona Envirocentre is set to become an environmental and sustainability focal hub for the Shire.

Re-housing three Environmental Groups from an old building, plus Containers for Change.

Opportunities for accommodation of other similarly minded entities, set on making a difference.

120 South Western Highway is an ideally located property with well-sized building infrastructure existing on it. However, the building and surrounds are tired and no longer meets modern requirements for disability access and toilet facilities. The upgrade will deal with this, bringing the building up to modern standards and creating a space as an environmental exemplar in Waroona. This will include solar panels, water sensitive urban garden design, improved open areas and waterwise landscaping.

Once complete there will be opportunities for other environmentally / sustainability focussed groups to move in, to create a collaborative and cooperative space.



Funding request

Federal and State funding of **\$600,000**

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